

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 7, 2021

CONGRATS: Syble Embrey has a new great grandson.

SICK/TEMPORARY: Crystal Brown, niece of Paul and Suzanne Brown, continues to improve.

PROTRACTED: Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Gladys Marie Elrod (Mary Ray's son-in-law's mother)—congestive heart failure; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; Kaylie Hadley—UCTD; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Monica La Rock (granddaughter of Orelia Ferguson and mother of Noah); Garrett Lentz (son of a co-worker of Cody Hadley)—seizures; Easton McCullough (Grayson Hadley's best friend)—Bell's Palsy; Becky Munns (Tabatha Clayton's aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; Shelby Peyton—knee; Robert Rawson (preacher at Crockett)—diabetes; Ray Reynolds (Sheila Massey and Mary West's dad)—memory trouble; Brett Rutherford (Dan Cates' friend)—MS; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); and Jerry Worthington (neighbor of the Hounshells)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: Clifton Angel (preacher at Coldwater)—thyroid; Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); Alicia Busby (from the community); Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Brenda Davis (a grandmother of Edra and Ryan Farrow); Nathan Jones (the Hounshells' neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; Sara Kiestler (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; Wade Loggins (member of congregation in Elkmont, AL); Dorothy Mosher (wife of an MSOP instructor); Carol Ogelsby (family of Sonny Stewart and the Browns)—stomach; Tommy Pierce (the Browns' friend); John Riley (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; Tiffany Taylor (the Browns' friend); and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Janice Bailey (home); Marie Crockett (home), Emma Farrow (in a care facility in Sardis), Orelia Ferguson (home), and Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL).

SERVING: Dylan and Maggie Cooper (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, Hawaii). Also, please continue to pray for Kyle Embrey (Syble Embrey's grandson—policeman) and all other military [especially who are going or remain abroad] and for all those in authority that we might live "quiet and peaceable" lives (I Timothy 2:1,2).

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Services: Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

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Missions [the latest reports from these works are on the bulletin board in the foyer]

Independence Mission Fund (next: tbd)

Memphis School of Preaching

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India [Providing Bibles]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

"BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD,"

Part 1

Don Walker [from the 2016 Power Lectures at Southaven]

Jesus' purpose, yea, His whole being was, in His Own words, "to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish His work" (KJV, John 4:34). In so doing, He sought out John the baptizer and submitted to be baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Mat. 3:15). From there "was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil" (Mat. 4:1). We have record of three temptations, the last of which is recorded in these words: "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Mat. 4:8-9).

In each of the three recorded temptations, Jesus responded by quoting from the book of Deuteronomy, thus overcoming the temptation of Satan and remaining a pure, unspotted sacrifice for our sin. In fact, He was "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). He never succumbed to the temptations of the devil and remained as a "lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet. 1:19). This is truly good news for He was offered, raised, and now reigns as Lord of lords and King of kings. He now reigns over far more than just the kingdoms of this world, for he was raised "[f]ar above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come" (Eph. 1:21).

What is also interesting about the third recorded temptation is the implication made by the devil. The devil offered the kingdoms of the world as if they were his to offer. At the moment of this promise of Satan, no words ever rang more true than Jesus' words in John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

The devil's words were a bold attempt to usurp the authority of the Great Sovereign.

God Alone Is Sovereign

Scripture very clearly proclaims that God Almighty is the only Sovereign. That is to say that He, by reason of creation, has the right to rule over His creation. Not only does He have that right, but also He chooses to exercise that right. The decree that Nebuchadnezzar would have a "beast's heart" was "to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:16-17). Again in Daniel 4:25 we read, "That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen,

and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will."

We can rejoice that the truth stated above is not only an Old Testament truth but also a New Testament truth. Paul wrote, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Rom. 13:1-2). The Bible is clear when it proclaims just Who it is that not only rules, but controls the matters of men upon this terrestrial ball. Jehovah rules! (*To be continued next week*).

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" (Ephesians 4:14,15)

BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: Jesus told His disciples to pray for deliverance from what?

Last week's question: Who could not say, "Shibboleth"?

Last week's answer: Ephraimites (*Judges 12:5,6*)

SERMONS: Attitudes of the Model Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

"All the Counsel of God": Courage

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 8-14):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Deuteronomy	26-28	29-31	32-34				
Joshua			1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	

SCRIPTURE READING (MARCH): Thomas Massey (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

(*APRIL*): Cody Hadley

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING (MARCH): Carl Hounshell

(*APRIL*): Thomas Massey

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

(*APRIL*): Conor Cates and Mark Peyton

CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH): Tabatha Clayton

(*APRIL*): The Masseys

PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH): Shelly Cates

(*APRIL*): Suzanne and Katie Brown

PANTRY NEEDS: Please see the sheet with Children's Home needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):

March 14 (next Sunday)

Youth devotional after evening services.

April 1

The **Tennessee Children's Home** truck will be here. A list of their needs is in the foyer.

May 23-27

MSOP Lectures (moved from March). We are asked to provide 25 cakes for Monday, May 24.